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Hon. James T. Owens  
Director, Fire Department  
403 City Hall  
Newark 2, New Jersey

Dear Jim:

The flood of letters which have been flowing into the Newark Sunday News in passionate praise of Fireman Stanley Kossup should give you and your colleagues a feeling of great pride of accomplishment.

One picture like this does more than a million words or ten years of energy spent for better human relations. Never have I witnessed such a response on any non-controversial issue.

The sub-committee of the Mayor's Commission on Group Relations met yesterday and directed me to express these sentiments to you in the hope that you will convey them to Fireman Stanley Kossup. Because we know that his action and the picture which resulted from it were in the "line of duty", we have a question for you before we follow through on a plan of ours. That is, would it be inimical to your total morale interests as director of the Fire Department if we were to single out Mr. Kossup for a special Brotherhood Award from the Mayor's Commission on Group Relations? We shall certainly heed your advice and counsel on this matter. In the meantime, our most sincere congratulations to you, him and the glory reflected upon your entire Department.

Very sincerely yours,

Daniel S. Anthony

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